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Proudly Serving Florida's 26th District



ONE TERM IN OFFICE

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Representing Florida's 26th District

Every day, I think about how proud I am to represent a community like Florida's 26th district. I am continually motivated and inspired by individuals who care so deeply about South Florida. The perseverance and strength they showed during these complicated times only motivates me more.

No one of the 790,000 inhabitants of FL-26 is alike. Our diversity is our strength here in South Florida, and I intend to do everything I can to preserve that tradition. I've had the honor of meeting thousands of you at town halls, ribbon cuttings, community roundtables, and even in line while grabbing a cafecito.

To date, my office has responded to 54,750 letters, phone calls, and emails. From SoFI to DC, I have listened to personal stories of loss and triumph and feel hopeful about the future of our big human family.

Accomplishments from the 116th Congress

Through the 116th Congress, I am working in a bipartisan manner to be a productive voice for my constituents. I am proud to be an active Freshman Member of Congress by reaching across the aisle to fix some of our nation's and state's most pressing issues.

My office has recovered over \$537,986,532 on behalf of Miami Dade County and Monroe County, bringing home our hard-earned tax dollars to local businesses, hurricane clean-up, and public works projects.

It is the honor of a lifetime to be your Congresswoman, and I look forward to continue my duties in serving and fighting for our community.



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SUMMARY

32

MEASURES INTRODUCED

460

MEASURES COSPONSORED

740

CASES CLOSED

7

TOWN HALLS

54,750

RESPONSES SENT

118

NEWSLETTERS SENT

242

MEETINGS

72

EVENTS

\$537.9M GRANT FUNDING SECURED

Legislative Accomplishments



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Healthcare

House Passed H.R. 3, the Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act

House Passed H.R. 986, the Protecting Americans with Pre-Existing Conditions Act

Introduced H.R. 5432, the Medical Education for a Diverse America Act

Introduced H.R. 6686, the Bringing Additional Nurses to the Fight Act

Introduced and Passed H.R. 6640, the Medicare Advantage COVID Treatment Act

Introduced and Passed the Ensuring Protection in Childcare (EPIC) Act

Introduced H.R. 8017, the Mobile Options for Testing in Our Neighborhoods (MOTION) Act

Led Letter to Include Report Language to Address the E-Cigarette Epidemic Among Our Nation's Youth

Introduced H.R. 8016, the Peer Assisted Relief Through Networks of Empathetic Resources and Supports (PARTNERS) Act

Gun Violence

Appointed Vice Chair of the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force

House Passed H.R. 8, the Bipartisan Background Checks Act

House Passed H.R. 1112, the Enhanced Background Checks Act

Co-Led Introduction of H.R. 3214, the Equal Access to Justice for Victims of Gun Violence Act

Introduced the Firearms Retailer Code of Conduct Act

Environment

Secured \$200M for Everglades Restoration in FY2020

Secured for Everglades Restoration \$250M in the House bill for FY2021

Co-Led Introduction of the Bipartisan H.R. 1834, the Defending Our National Marine Sanctuaries from Damaging Chemicals Act

House Passed H.R. 729, the Coastal and Great Lakes Communities Enhancement Act

House passed H.R. 9, the Climate Action Now Act

Secured additional \$4.5 million for coral programs in FY2021 appropriations bill

Infrastructure

Vice Chair of the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

Secured \$5 Million for the Keys Water Quality Improvement Project for FY2020

House Passed H.R. 2470, the Clean Water Infrastructure Sustainability and Efficiency Act

Introduced and Passed the Bipartisan H.R. 3210, the Coast Guard Shore Infrastructure Improvement Act

Announced \$100 million Grant for Bus Rapid Transit

Introduced and Passed H.R. 7387, the Shovel-Ready Restoration Grants for Coastlines and Fisheries Act of 2020

House Passed H.R. 7575, the Water Resources Development Act of 2020

Jobs and Wages

House Passed H.R. 582, the Raise the Wage Act

House Passed H.R. 7, the Paycheck Fairness Act

House Passed H.R. 2474, the Protecting the Right to Organize Act

Introduced Resolution to recognize Latina Equal Pay Day and the wage gap that disproportionately impacts Latinas over any other group

Military

Introduced H.R. 6412, To amend title 10, United States Code, to extend certain morale, welfare, and recreation privileges to recipients of the gold star lapel button.

House Passed 2021 NDAA that includes a more than 3% pay increase for military members

Immigration

House Passed H.R. 6, the Dream and Promise Act

House Passed H.R. 5038, the Farm Workforce Modernization Act

Obtained Information On Sexual Abuse Allegations And Unsafe Conditions At Homestead Detention Facility

Introduced H.R. 4884, the Cuban Family Reunification Act

Venezuela

House Passed H.R. 549, the Venezuela TPS Act of 2019

Introduced and Passed Into Law H.R. 854, the Humanitarian Assistance for the Venezuelan People Act of 2019

Voting Rights and Civil Rights

House Passed H.R. 1, the For the People Act

House Passed H.R. 4, the Voting Rights Advancement Act

House Passed H.R. 5, the Equality Act

House Passed H.R. 7120, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act

Trade

House Passed H.R. 5430, the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement
Implementation Act

Affordable Housing

Led the Effort for Increased Appropriations for the NeighborWorks Program

Secured nearly \$500k for local housing organizations in FY2020

Education

Co-Led Introduction of, and Passed, H.R. 4626, the Social Emotional Learning for
Families (SELF) Act

Introduced the Safe Considerations of the Health Of Our Learning Students Act

Led Funding for Social-Emotional Learning Initiative in FY2020 Funding Bill

Introduced the Ensuring Protection in Childcare (EPIC) Act

Constituent Contacts

54,750

Responses Sent

7

Town Halls

72

Events

242

Meetings



I was elected to the House to represent you - my constituents - in the federal government. I am proud to devote all of my attention to your legislative requests across the board.

Your voice and opinions are powerful. The most important part of my job is listening to you at meetings and events, and through phone calls, emails, letters and formulating the needs of FL-26 into real action.

**I want to
hear from
you!**

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Constituent Services

740+
Cases Closed

Navigating the Federal government can be tricky, and I am here to make sure the process is as seamless as possible.

My district office works diligently to ensure you are receiving the assistance you need. They have helped business owners impacted by COVID-19 with the Small Business Administration and repatriated American citizens who were stuck abroad through the U.S. Department of State.

From assisting veterans with their benefits to making sure seniors receive their Social Security checks, my office is here to help you. As of October 2020, we have recovered more than 1.5 million dollars for Floridians in my district. Our work here is not done, we look forward to assisting you and many others in the future.





Constituent Stories



Ms. Mullins is currently a senior at Coral Reef High School in Miami. She wrote in acknowledging that DMP is her first representative since she has been able to vote, and that her mother is also from Ecuador. In her note, she wrote: “My father is a gringo from Miami, so your family and my family have the same cultural blend. Someday our families should get together over ceviche or encebollado and compare stories.” She is proud to have DMP as her Congresswoman and feels lucky to have a proud, intelligent Latina advocating for Hispanic issues. She is particularly glad that DMP has advocated for women’s rights and rights of Latinos, despite the rhetoric coming out of the Trump Administration.



Mr. Amat called our office seeking assistance with receiving his Economic Impact Payment (EIP) from the IRS. Mr. Amat does not have a bank account, so he did not receive his payment through direct deposit, and the IRS did not provide any more information to Mr. Amat through the website. Our office inquired with the IRS, and they confirmed he was eligible but they did not have the correct address information on file. Our office updated IRS with Mr. Amat’s address and he called us back overjoyed to have found his check in his mailbox.



Alexys was raised by his stepfather in Cuba and petitioned for his stepfather join their family here in Miami. USCIS approved the petition and sent the case to the National Visa Center for consular processing but—mysteriously and without explanation—USCIS recalled the case from the NVC. Alexys struggled to understand why USCIS was holding up the case and why he was in limbo for almost a year with the agency. Our office inquired, and USCIS approved the petition (again) and now the case is back on track for consular processing. Alexys was so grateful and said that “there is a light we can see at the end now thanks to our Congresswoman!”



Ms. Frometa was unable to establish herself as the guardian for her disabled father’s naturalization case with the USCIS. Ms. Frometa was not successful in obtaining a follow up interview with the Immigration Officer to provide appropriate guardianship documentation. Upon the District Office’s inquiries, the constituent promptly received a second interview and the father’s Citizenship was approved. The constituent is very happy with our vital support in the citizenship process and sent our office a thank you card. She is very happy with Congresswoman Debbie Mucarsel-Powell and the team for the support in the citizenship case and on-going social security issues.



Mr. Frink is among the world’s most frequently published underwater photographers. He has lived in Key Largo since 1978 and works as a photojournalist and publisher of Alert Diver Magazine. Importantly, Mr. Frink is on the current Board of Directors of the Coral Restoration Foundation and the FL Keys National Marine Sanctuary Foundation. He wrote in to thank DMP for her position on environmental issues and is hoping to talk to her more about sustaining our oceans and coastlines.

Grants for FL-26

\$537.9M

Grant Funding
Secured

Searching and applying for the right Federal grant can be tedious and quite difficult, which is why I launched the Grants Task Force. My office connects constituents with federal grant programs in efforts to expand the streams of federal funding in our district.

The Grants Task Force provides constituents information on incoming grant awards and opportunities, and helps facilitate grant workshops and trainings with federal agencies so constituents can learn how to best apply. To assist grant seekers applying for federal funds, our office has developed working relationships with the grant management offices of the 28 federal agencies awarding grants.

During my time as your Representative, we've helped bring more than \$537 million dollars in grant funding to my district.



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